

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (withdrawn): A method for production of a brochure comprising the steps of: joining at least one contents sheet and a cover sheet to one another and folding said sheets; applying a stripe of glue for joining the sheets before folding; placing the contents sheet and cover sheet in separate guide planes before folding, said guide planes lying one above the other at a distance from one another in the vicinity of a folding device and in a parallel orientation to each other; and moving the folding device in such a way that the sheets are joined to one another and folded simultaneously.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26; wherein the cover sheet is placed on the lower guide plane and the contents sheet is placed on the upper guide plane.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26; wherein the contents sheet reaches the guide plane directly from a feeder.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26; wherein the contents sheet which is folded n times reaches the guide plane directly from a folding machine.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26; wherein the cover sheet reaches the guide plane directly from a feeder.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;
wherein the two guide planes are supplied from opposite directions simultaneously with the cover sheet on one side and the contents sheet on the other side.

Claim 32 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;
wherein the folding machine or the feeder for the contents sheet and the feeder for the cover sheet are mobile devices that are advanced directly to the two guide planes.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;
wherein the two guide planes, the folding device and the joining means supply device are mobile devices that are advanced directly to the folding machine or feeder for the contents sheet and to the feeder for the cover sheet.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;
wherein the cover sheet is provided with joining means, particularly a stripe of glue, before it is placed in the guide plane.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;
wherein a maximum of 15,000 to 20,000 contents sheets and cover sheets per hour are fed to the two guide planes.

Claim 36 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;
wherein the area of the folding device is monitored to determine whether or not the contents sheet and cover sheet are already placed and/or exactly positioned on the guide planes and/or have deficient quality.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;

wherein defective and/or incorrectly positioned contents sheets and cover sheets are sorted out of the folding device and removed.

Claim 38 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;
wherein a cover sheet and a contents sheet are folded to form the brochure.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;
wherein the quality features of the brochure are detected after folding.

Claim 40 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 26;
wherein the brochure is fed to a trimming or cutting device after folding and is cut therein.

Claim 41 (previously presented): A device for production of a brochure, comprising:
at least one sheet feed;
a joining means supply device for applying joining means;
a joining device for joining a cover sheet to at least one contents sheet;
a folding device; and
two guide planes, including a first guide plane and a second guide plane, lying one above the other at a distance from one another and in a parallel orientation to each other, the two guide planes being provided in the vicinity of the folding device, so that the folding device passes through the guide planes, for separate placement of the contents sheet and cover sheet in the first guide plane and the second guide plane, respectively; and
said folding device being simultaneously a joining device so that the sheets can be joined during folding.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The device according to Claim 41;

wherein the guide plane for the contents sheet cooperates with a folding machine or with a feeder and can be supplied by the latter with a contents sheet in immediate succession.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The device according to Claim 41; wherein the guide plane for the cover sheet cooperates with a feeder and can be supplied with a cover sheet by the latter in immediate succession.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The device according to Claim 41; wherein a folding machine or the feeder for the contents sheet is arranged at the first guide plane adjacent to the folding device.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The device according to Claim 41; wherein the feeder for the cover sheet is arranged at the second guide plane adjacent to the second guide plane.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The device according to Claim 41; wherein the feeder for the cover sheet and a folding machine or feeder for the contents sheet are arranged on opposite sides of the guide planes so that the cover sheet and the contents sheet can be transported in opposite directions simultaneously.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The device according to Claim 41; wherein stops are provided at the guide planes and, in particular, can be adjusted to the dimensions of the sheets.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The device according to Claim 41;

wherein monitoring devices which detect whether or not the contents sheet and cover sheet are placed and/or exactly positioned on the guide planes and/or which detect deficient quality are provided in the vicinity of the folding device.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The device according to Claim 41; wherein a sorting device is provided which sorts out defective or incorrectly positioned contents sheets and cover sheets from the vicinity of the folding device and removes them.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The device according to Claim 41; wherein a good/bad detection device is provided which detects quality features of the brochure after it exits the folding device.